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Application No.	10/048,126	International Appln.	PC/T/CH01/00118
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Title: Switching Device, Particularly For Optical Switching			

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

March 26, 2002

Dear Sir:

Kindly amend the application in the following manner:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4, 6, 7, 9, 14 and 15 as follows. In accordance with 37 C.F.R.

§1.121(c)(1)(i), the amended claims are presented below in clean form and, in accordance with §1.121(c)(1)(ii), a marked-up copy of the amended claims is attached to this response. Also, as permitted under §1.121(c)(1)(ii), the equivalent marking the Applicants used to designate deleted text is by line strikethrough, rather than by brackets, while added text is underlined as usual.

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- (Once Amended) Switching device according to Claim 2, characterized in that it also comprises, associated with each electrode (20), at least one stopper (18) serving as a stop for the beam and for the purpose of preventing it coming into contact with said beam.

- a2
- (Once Amended) Switching device according to Claim 4, characterized in that it comprises a plurality of stoppers (24) distributed along the length of said electrodes.

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